Voucher scheme

1211. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the voucher scheme had been tried, tested and rejected overseas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry had also rejected the voucher scheme way back in July; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Planning Commission had retained the scheme in its final approach paper to Eleventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Approach Paper to the Eleventh Five Year Plan is not yet final.

Absence of Kendriya Vidyalayas in many parts of the country

1212. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in many parts of the country there exists no Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many State Governments had asked Government to open Kendriya Vidyalayas in their respective States due to growing popularity of Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The details of proposals received from State Governments during last three years till date are given in statement. (*See* below). These proposals are considered by the Government depending on the availability of budgetary provisions and after necessary approval of the competent authority.